

*"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."*

### *A Message from Mrs. Blicow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

We marked anti-bullying week, with an assembly, led by our Peace Makers, when children were reminded what to do if they felt sad or lonely, simply ask for a helping hand. Well done for helping to deliver a very important message.

Deacon Jim's visit launched the Love Christmas Campaign, where children and their families are asked to support local people in need, by filling bags with gifts and everyday items. This year we would love to increase the number of bags we are able to fill, thus helping many more people in need.

Please remember that next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, is a teacher INSET day and the children will be off school, returning on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

In a final note, our Christmas Fair is drawing near, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you have any donations of books, soft toys, sweet jars, toys or tombola prizes, these can be left at the school office and don't forget to book your slot for Father Christmas.

*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Mrs Blicow*



## Peace Makers Lead Assembly



At St. Mary's, we have a very active Peace Maker Group, who are easily identified by their blue skipped caps. On Monday, they lead our Anti-Bullying Assembly. Using the acronym STOP, they reminded children what bullying was and what to do if they felt sad or lonely. While our Faith Ambassadors led us in prayer, the Peace Makers told us all about how we want every child in our school to feel confident about being who they are so that they can fulfil their potential. Sound advice from ones so young. Well done to our Peace Makers.

## Term Dates

Term Begins

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Staff INSET Day

Children off

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performances

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Carols Around The Tree

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Term Ends

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

3.15PM

## Reverend Roger Visits



Rev. Roger made a welcome return this week and continued the story of Joseph, who we found out was able, with God's help, to interpret strange dreams. Sadly, despite promising to tell the King to let Joseph go, the prisoners forgot and Joseph was left languishing in his cell. Rev. Roger promised better times ahead for Joseph next week. We can't wait.

## Love Christmas Campaign



On Friday, we were delighted to welcome Deacon Jim to school, when he told the children about the 'Love Christmas Campaign' and officially launched this year's appeal. A national initiative, the organisation collects, sorts, packs and distributes Bags of Kindness containing gifts and toys across the diocese. To help the campaign, the school will hold a non-uniform day, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, to help raise money to fill bags for the cause. More information to follow.

## 'Junk' Dinosaurs



Year 1 have been working on their Design Technology project, Junk Dinosaurs. Working collaboratively to plan and then make a large scale model dinosaur using a range of found and recycled materials, the first model is nearing completion. It looks great. We can't wait to see the other models.

## Non-Uniform Day

All pupils and staff are invited to wear  
**Non-uniform**  
(no onesies please!)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

We ask for a monetary donation  
(£2 as a guide)  
in exchange for wearing non-uniform.

All money raised will go towards the Northampton Caritas campaign  
'Love Christmas 2023'  
which aims to provide some joy and happiness  
to those most in need at Christmas.  
We will use the money raised to help us fill 'Bags of Kindness' - we  
look forward to sharing our efforts with you in the newsletter.



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